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1. The airfield, 1 km southwest of Odessa (30°43'E/46°28'N), Ukrainian SSR, had a concrete runway, three hangars (stone structures with vaulted roofs) and a large three-story administration building with flat roof.*

2. Commercial planes, fighters and trainers were observed at the field.*

3. The airfield was on the southwestern town perimeter of Odessa.*

4. Formation flying with fighters and individual Ju-52s was seen.*

5. The 2 to 3 square km airfield was north of Odessa, 4 to 5 km north of P/W Camp No 7159/2, which was not far from the "Lenin" Plant.**

6. The field had several hangers and barracks-like buildings (observed from a distance). A runway, a "pavilion" serving as quarters for civil passengers, two wooden cantonment buildings for pilots, and a repair shop were on the southern edge of the field.**

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7. The "radio house," a 5 x 15 x 2½-meter single-story brick structure with a basement, was about 500 meters south of the "pavilion." It comprised an engine department, a small workshop, a transmitting room, a battery shop, a small warehouse, and the manager's office. The radio house personnel, numbering 24, wore dark blue uniforms with light-blue-bordered epaulets. Six 15-meter masts, 4 meters apart, were just east of the radio house. The mastheads were interconnected by wires and an antenna led to the transmitting room.*

8. The field was occupied by about 150 twin-engine bombers and four twin-engine commercial planes.**

9. A military airfield was 6 to 8 km north of Odessa, west of the road leading to Nikolayev (32°0'E/46°58'N), about 5 km from the Black Sea.**

10. The landing field about 1 x 1½ km had a 60-m runway which was being completed by POWs.**

11. The headquarters building and two about 70-meter hangars were in the southern section of the field.**

12. The aircraft stationed at the field practiced bombing.**

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Comment:

[redacted] four airfields are located near Odessa (see Annex):

* a. The most important airfield, a supply field with a runway and some hangars, was near Tatarka. It is assumed that this information refers to this field, which is apparently being used as a commercial and military airfield occupied by a fighter unit.

b. Another field was east of Odessa Dalnik, about 8 km west-northwest of Odessa, south of the Odessa-Tiraspol road. It had been improved in 1943 and was used by supply aircraft en route to the Crimea.

c. The third field, located near Ulyanovka, was previously reported 50X1-HUM

d. The fourth airfield is immediately south of Odessa. [redacted] it is assumed that a pilot school (basic training up to training on combat aircraft) is located there. 50X1-HUM

** e. According to these observations it is assumed that another airfield is about 8 km north of Odessa. This field seems to be occupied by a bomber division of the naval air force.

Attachment: Map of airfields near Odessa.

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Attachment

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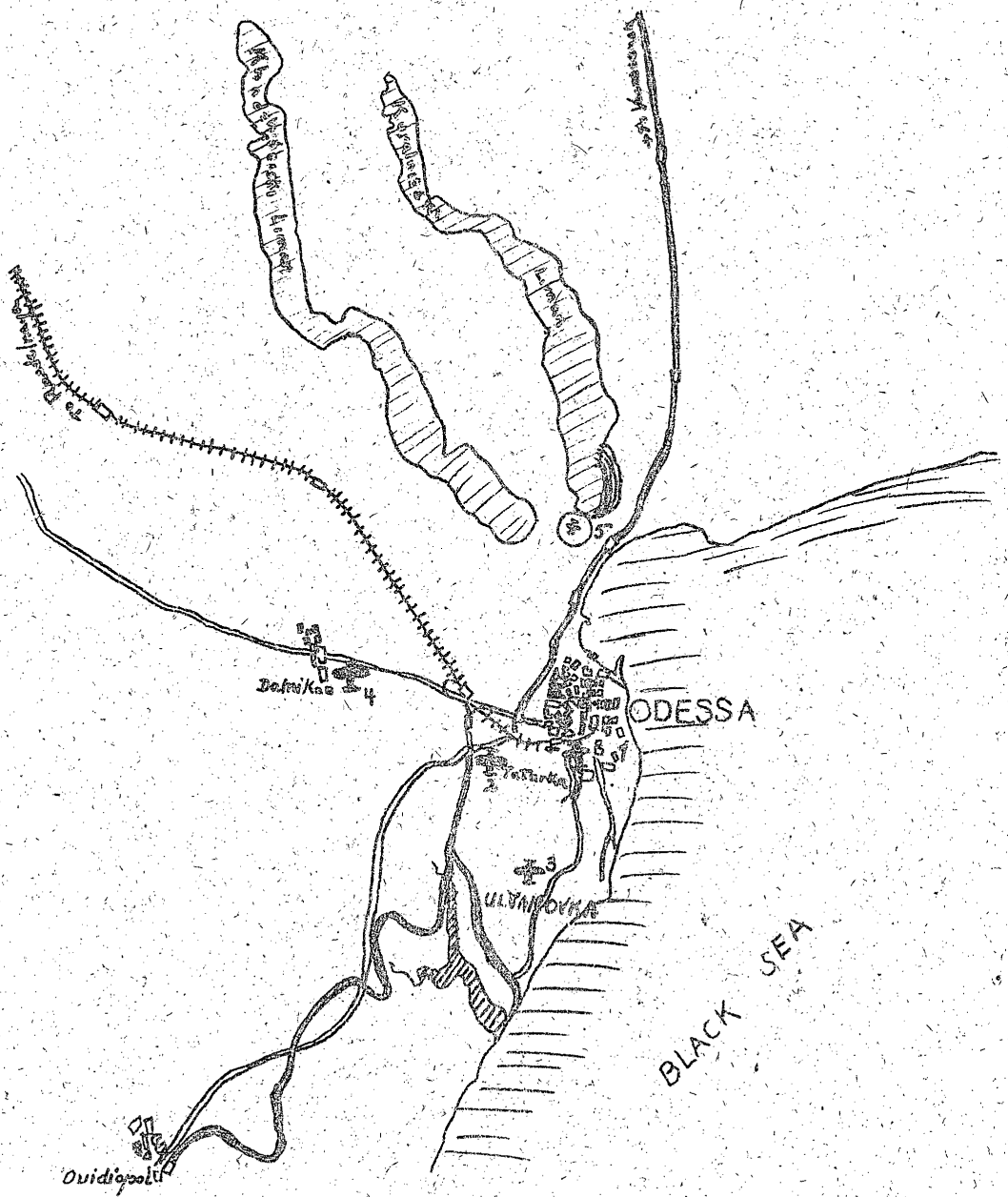

Legend:

SCALE = 1:300,000

1 - Airfield south of Odessa
2 - Airfield of Tatarka
3 - Airfield of Ulyanovka
4 - Airfield of Dalnik
5 - Airfield presumed north of Odessa

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